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Dear Dr. Eisenberg:

AFASEB Conference on Principles in Viral, Bacterial; and Protozoan Pathogenesis" will be held 8=13 June, 1996, at Snowmass Village, Colorado. This meeting, the second in a series begun in 1994 by Drs. Bernard Fields and Michael Oldstone, will be a very important one whose goal is to facilitate communication between investigators at the cutting edge of an important interdisciplinary area of research. The Conference will bring together virologists, bacteriologists, protozoologists and immunologists in one setting to allow an exchange (cross talk) among these disciplines. The goal is to take advantage of the recent and rapid development of information and technology in order to look for common or separate threads in understanding principles of microbial pathogenesis and to foster collaborative efforts between disciplines. Towards this end an outstanding collection of scientists in virology, bacteriology, protozoology, structural and cell biology, and immunology have been assembled. The scientific program will include sessions on:

Microbial Invasion Macromolecular Structures/ Interactions Involved in Pathogenesis Host Defense: Cytokines in Infectious Diseases

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Microbe: macrophage Interaction
Virulence Determinants
Host Defense: Effector Systems
Evasion of Host Immunity
Combinatorial Approaches to
Understanding Molecular Interactions

We would greatly appreciate any support you could give to enable this meeting to take place.

Sincerely,

R. John Collier, Ph.D.

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